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Passport — Australia — Admission of Italian, Hungarian, Bulgarian and Rumanian Nationals — Revised instructions — Foreign Office Circular — Recorded

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Government of India.
Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations.

New Delhi 3, the 4th August 1948.

A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to:-

All Passport Issuing Authorities in India for information and guidance,
Director Intelligence Bureau for information,
Ministry of Home Affairs for information,
C.R. Wing for information,

in continuation of this Ministry's endorsement No.F.13 30)P/47 dated the 24th June 1948.

By Order etc.,

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Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Foreign office circular No.V/40 dated the 6th May 1948. P/26.5.

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Passport Control Department,
Foreign Office,
6th May, 1948.

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VISAS FOR AUSTRALIA

With reference to circular No. V/19 of 22nd March, 1948, under the terms of the revised Commonwealth Immigration Policy, the question of the admission of Italian, Hungarian, Bulgarian and Roumanian nationals has been reviewed and the Government has agreed that after the ratification by the Commonwealth Parliament of the Peace Treaties with Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria and Hungary, the following policy shall apply in relation to applications from nationals of those countries for admission into Australia:--

(a) Persons who are nationals or former nationals of those countries and are displaced or persecuted persons, or are the wives, unmarried daughters and unmarried minor sons of residents of Australia, should continue to be dealt with as at present;

(b) applications for the admission of such nationals who do not come within the classes mentioned in (a) should be considered on their individual merits, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) they are nominated by residents of Australia who are suitable guarantors and in a position to maintain and accept responsibility for the accommodation of their nominees;

(ii) they are skilled in an undermanned trade or profession or are deemed suitable for employment in occupations in which there is a definite shortage of labour and come within the age limits laid down;

(iii) they shall be admitted under exemption for a period of two years in the first place;

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authorised to grant visas.

(c) nationals of Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria and Hungary who do not come within the classes mentioned in (a) and are without guarantors in the Commonwealth, may be admitted, to engage in vital industries in Australia which are definitely unable to secure sufficient local labour for their needs, provided that suitable accommodation is available for them. The selection of such persons shall be made by Australian officials and they shall be admitted under exemption for two years in the first place.

The effect of this decision will be that applications for the admission of Italian, Hungarian, Bulgarian, and Roumanian nationals will be dealt with in the same manner as those for the admission of displaced persons (other than those selected under the P.C.I.R.O. Scheme).

(P.T.O.)

In any case where it is considered an applicant comes within the scope of sub-Paragraph (c) the matter should be referred to the Chief Migration Officer, Australia House, Strand, London, W.C.2. with a full report.

In the past it has been the practice in certain cases to endorse Landing Permits in favour of ex-enemy nationals in the following terms:--

> "This authority is also subject to the conditions that the bearer did not serve in enemy forces during the war and that the Passport Officer to whom he applied for a Visa is satisfied that he has not engaged in activities which would constitute a security risk to the British Commonwealth."

It has now been decided that war service with the armed forces of Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria or Hungary will not, in itself, be regarded as a disqualifications for admission into Australia, but in any case where a Landing Permit holder is still regarded as an active Fascist or Nazi, a Visa for Australia should be refused.

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Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No. 2544, Home dated 3-7-48.
2. From the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, No.F.13(30)p/47, dated 4.8.48.

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